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WHY RUSSIAN HESITATION?

In our delirium over the launching of a 3-pound moon by the Navy, several months after the Russians had launched a 1,000-pound satellite, we might stop and consider the strange Russian silence — in the rocket and missiles field — which has continued since last fall, when the Russians successfully launched their earth satellites.

If the Russians had the capability to throw a 1,000-pound satellite into outer space last fall, they have not lost it in the past six months, and we have moved still in be race for the ultimate goal: superiority in rockets and missiles to a decisive degree.

While we are now giddy talking about shooting rockets to the moon and making other wonderful advances, the Russians are probably doing more and better. At least, this indictment of our program is borne out by history and the very nature of the Russian program.

We cannot accept the conclusion that the Russians have made no progress since they launched a 1,000-pound satellite about six months ago. Rather, we should prepare ourselves for some new shock. Obviously, the U. S. rocket program is still in its infancy. The Army has sent a small satellite aloft, and the Navy has sent a tiny sphere far into outer space, but neither achievement matched the Russian achievements in this field. We should assume that the Russians are concentrating on firing a rocket to the moon, or perfecting a space ship, or on some other great by advanced project. And it might be that we will be shocked, and a little frightened, when the Russians spring their next surprise on us.

For, it should be remembered by the mature and sober-minded that the experts admitted we were a year or two behind the Russians in the rocket program when the Sputniks were first fired. If that were true in the fall of 1957, then we are still behind today—since, by no stretch of the imagination, can our successes in the satellite field be said to have brought us even with the Russians in the race for space weapons.

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FACE - LIFTING THE CAPITOL

Senator Harry F. Byrd, who is a pretty solid senator by anyone's standards, has come out in opposition to the destruction or distortion of the exterior of the Capitol of the United States.

Among other things, Senator Byrd points out that there have been proposals to extend the capitol, change it, and so on, for more than half a century. One of the proposals, made back in 1905, was known as "Scheme B." Among other things, this scheme proposed to extend the East Central Front of the building, including the Portico where Presidents are inaugurated.

Byrd points out that Scheme B was not even submitted as a recommended plan. On the other hand, it was merely submitted to comply with others, as an alternate plan. Additional space was needed—as it is now—and the architects who prepared the plan did not approve of it, and when they submitted it they said:

"It would be a great change from the present facade, so familiar to our people, and which they have learned to love and venerate, and we make this suggestion merely to meet the condition which has been imposed upon us by your Commission of reporting a scheme with added space. We hope, nevertheless, that this alternative plan, Scheme B, will not be favorably considered."

Now, after all these years of schemes and proposals, all of which have been rejected, a lot of enthusiasm has been generated for doing exactly the same thing. However, Senator Byrd says the full story on the cost has not been ascertained, that orthodox methods of financing have not been recommended, and that the whole program should be reviewed.

He says, and we agree, that we should stop this latest headlong rush into the Scheme B project. It is a plan which has not been accepted for fifty years, and which has been rejected several times, and we should certainly stop long enough to find out why it was rejected and not be suddenly stampeded into accepting it at this late date.

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APRIL

O April, welcome home! The stirring earth
Is scrubbed and scoured, fresh clean with rain.

—Anne Mary Lawler.

April brings us thoughts of Easter, since it is the month in which Easter most often falls. This year, Good Friday falls on the 4th, and Easter on the 6th.

But April is remembered for other things.

Who among those then living will forget April 6th, 1917, for example? That was the day on which Congress — meeting in special session — declared that a state of war existed between the United States and the Government of Germany. It is hard to believe that in the forty-one years since that war has been won, another World War has been fought and won, and yet another has grown to be a major threat facing the world.

Which leads to another great anniversary — that of the Peace made at Appomattox Court House on Palm Sunday, April 9, 1865. There has ever disagreement, but some that April date, there has been no further War between the States. The long years of peace within the nation make the name Appomattox symbolic of Peace.

Perhaps the greatest non-military news story of all time occurred in April. On the night of April 14th, 1912, the White Star line Titanic struck an iceberg and sank in two hours. Although the California rested at another only a few miles away, within sight, fifteen hundred persons—many of them prominent citizens of the United States and Great Britain—perished in the icy North Atlantic that night.

Many do not know that the Huguenot Society of America observes April 18th, which is the anniversary of the signing of the edict of Nantes. The Society was organized by descendants of French Hugenots who fled from France to the United States to obtain religious freedom.

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Scarecrow has said that you shear a sheep many times, but you can skin him only once.

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When the average fellow shouts for unity, he means that other people should fall in line with his views.

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The American people might as well be given the facts about our lag in the missiles field: maybe the revelation will scare somebody into positive action.

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One of the dangers of looking ahead is that we say things that never happen.

Washington Notes

MacMillan Here in June

Prime Minister Harold MacMillan of Britain will visit President Eisenhower here June 9 and 10.

While here on other business, it is expected the British Prime Minister will discuss the question of summit talks. This will be Mr. MacMillan's third conference with President Eisenhower since he succeeded Sir Anthony Eden as Prime Minister last year.

Cut in Sub Output?

Admiral H. G. Rickover says the Russians have recently slowed submarine construction — "why, we don't know."

"It may be they figure they have enough, or they may be shifting over to a new type," Rickover said, in an interview with the Magnate U. S. News and World Report. He added that the Russians have more than 500 undersea craft, but he doesn't know whether any of them are atomic-powered.

"If the Soviets are shifting to the nuclear type," he said, "they could, by 1961, have more atomic-powered submarines than we at the low rate we're building them."

Rise in Travel Forecast

American women, confirmed globe-trotters, are making a "terrific impact" on the multi-million-dollar travel industry, says Miss Frances Knight, chief of the United States Passport Office.

Predicting a 20 per cent increase this year over the record 583,000 passport applications processed by her office in 1957, Miss Knight said well over half the travelers will be women, with housewives in the majority.

Solar Telescope

The National Science Foundation plans to construct a solar telescope that will permit detailed study of the sun and its effect on the earth. The $5,000,000 telescope will be the largest and most precise solar research instrument in the United States, according to the announcement. The observatory will be located in the Southeast. The telescope will have a sixty-inch lens and produce a solar image twice the size of the twenty-inch solar telescope at Mount Wilson in California.

Nixon Trip Confirmed

The White House has confirmed that Vice President Richard M. Nixon will make a two-week tour of South America in April and May.

Mr. Nixon will represent President Eisenhower May 1 in Buenos Aires at the inauguration of Dr. Arturo Frondizi as President of Argentina. President Eisenhower was unable to accept the invitation because he will be host here to Carlos Ibanez del Campo, President of Chile, during a state visit at that time.

The White House said Mr. Nixon's visit to Argentina would be part of a tour to begin April 27. The best of his itinerary was not announced, but it is expected to include three or four other countries.

Fund Rise Sought

Senator Clinton P. Anderson, Democrat of New Mexico, has introduced an amendment to the Navajo - Hopi Rehabilitation Act that would increase authorization for roads in the two reservations from $20,000,000 to $40,000,000 over the next two years. The amendment would permit the government to let contracts for the road projects during the remaining two years of the rehabilitation act. The projects are principally in Arizona.

On Selective Service

Selective Service officials announced recently that physically fit and "unencumbered" young single men still face a "100 per cent certainty" of being drafted by the time they are about 23.

This is true despite relatively low draft calls, now running 19,000 a month, because of the nation's total military manpower demands for active, Reserve and National Guard services, the officials said.

By "unencumbered" young single men they said, they referred to those who did not enter critical occupations, the National Guard, the Reserves, or other fields in which they might gain deferment or exemption. Neither marriage nor fatherhood is ground for deferment. However, fatherhood is a basis for delay in induction. Hardship on dependents is a deferment qualification.

KNOW THE WEATHER

By E. H. Sims

What is meant when we say winds flow out of highs into lows? What effect does this flow have on the weather?

A high pressure area simply means that the layer of gases above us (the weather) is very deep. Therefore its weight, which is the barometer measures, is great.

When the barometer records a falling the weather layer above is a comparative valley. So the air on a mountain goes through a constant process of flowing into the lower areas because of a coriolis force, or the earth's spinning. This flow into the valley is counter-clockwise in the northern hemisphere.

This flowing and turning is actually wind, and when the flow is swift enough, we have high wind or a storm. Thus a low pressure area usually means bad weather, and wind, since the valley above is filling up—so to speak.

DISEASE CONTROL SHOULD BEGIN EARLY IN GARDENS

Control of diseases on the vegetable plants in home gardens will be much easier if you begin now, says S. B. Fenne, plant pathologist at VPI.

He says to select a clean area, if possible, for the garden. However, only a few gardeners can select a new garden spot every few years.

Rotation Helps

Several important garden diseases can be kept in check by rotation. Change the garden arrangement each year so that the same crop or a related crop isn't planted in the same area year after year. Since most gardens are rather small, Fenne allows that crop rotation can be practiced only to a limited extent.

Fumigate if necessary. Fumigating the soil to control root-knot nematode is rather tedious and somewhat expensive, but is the only practical way to combat nematodes in soil you want to use.

Keep Plants Healthy

Fertilize the garden properly, and use lime if a soil test indicates that it is needed. Many diseases are not so serious if the plants are healthy and growing vigorously.

Use good seed of disease - resistant varieties. Follow VPI's annual list of adapted varieties. Plant only if it will pay to buy a year rather than by saving your own seed. Insect borne diseases can be kept from a reliable source year.

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Sorry to hear that Mrs. Lyle Caldwell and Mr. Marvin Stratton are not either feeling very well at this time. Let's hope the best for both all the time.

So glad to hear that Mrs. Bessie Cobb at Oakville is getting better after being on the sick list last week. We hope she will soon be well again.

We hope every one will have a nice Easter on next week-end. Hope the weather will be warm and pretty and the children can have egg hunts and the older folks can go on a fishing trip if they so desire.

Mr. and Mrs. John Alvis and family had as their guests last Thursday the Moody family from Concord.

Mr. Howlette Drinkard Sr., expects to motor to Staunton on Friday of this week to bring his son, Lee home from school for the Easter holidays.

Sorry to hear that Mr. W. A. Drinkard, of Concord is sick. He is in the Virginia Baptist Hospital. He was raised near here and has many, many friends and relatives here to wish for him a speedy get well. His sister, Mrs. R. H. Routon lives near here

Miss Carson Crawley, of Appomattox spent the week-end with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Stratton.

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Carson visited Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Stratton on last Sunday.

NAVY RECRUITING NEWS

Lieutenant Lina D. Murasheff, Nurse Corps, U. S. Navy, Nurse Procurement Officer at the Navy Recruiting Station in Washington, D. C., will visit the Navy Recruiting Station in Lynchburg, Va. on Friday, 11 April, 1958.

The purpose of Miss Murasheff's visit is to discuss the many opportunities available to Registered Nurses in the Navy Nurse Corps Program. Registered Nurses in this area are cordially invited to visit Miss Murasheff for information aout the Navy Nurse Corps Program in Room 309, Post Office Building, Lynchburg.

Postal Rules On Lottery

The old game of "Guess The Beans In the Jar" can be a lottery, but a fishing contest for prizes usually can not be.

This and other interesting and useful information about lottery laws has been prepared in a new free brochure by the Post Office Department's General Council's Office.

The following are some generalized conclusions extracted from this brochure:

Lotteries always have all 3 elements— "chance, consideration and prize." But it is sometimes difficult to determine when all of these elements are present.

Often it is hard to tell whether "consideration" (the money, time, services, required to enter) is present.

There have been some interesting court decisions on this.

For example, whether one must visit several stores to see if a prize has been won, this alone is not enough "consideration" to make the scheme a lottery.

Neither does registeration at a store for a free drawing or required attendance at the drawing make the promotion a lottery.

Witnessing an appliance demonstration or taking a demonstartion auto ride also is not "consideration" for lottery purposes.

However, promoters of such schemes must make certain participants are not required to make more "substantial" contributions of time and effort, or it may be a lottery.

A question about "consideration" also enters the plans in which a merchant will give a chance in a raffle to every purchaser. Such promotions are regarded as lotteries, even though the customer gets full merchandise value for his money.

Technically, however, contestants are allowed substitute "reasonable facsimiles" of the box tops, labels, and so forth, and this eliminates "consideration" because no purcease is required.

The question of whether another major element of the lottery — "chance" — is present is also difficult to determine in many cases.

For example, there has been in years past a legal question whether chance was involved when the prize amount was not definitely determined in advance. A Supreme Court decision now holds such schemes do involve "chance."

This decision also takes in plans where the prize depends on how many participate, or where the prize is determined by a sales total on a given day, in a store conducting the plan.

There is one type of lottery — "Bingo" — where there is no question that chance is involved. Usually, consideration and prize are present, and it becomes a lottery.

On the other hand, "skill," rather than chance, is present legally in the familiar "best letter contest" where the entrant writes 50 words or less on why he likes a specific product.

Besides the questions about chance, consideration and prizes, lotteries raise interesting questions about what may be published concerning them.

For example, the term "advertisement" applies to any newspaper notice relative to a lottery, whether it is a paid ad or a news item.

The law also says newspapers which contain any list of lottery prizes can't be carried in the mails.

Bingo, which —as already explained— is a lottery can not be advertised in any matter carried through the mails.

Even if there is no mention of the name of the game, and the advertisement merely carries the words "party," or "games," or the familiar "$" sign, the matter is still unmailable.

However, an exception from the general rule about lottery information has been made for newspaper articles which have a news value in their own right, where the lottery element is only incidental.

The law is not designed to suppress news, even though such information might be connected, incidentlly, with a lottery.

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Victory Day

Lesson for April 6, 1958

EVERY Sunday is VE Day. If people only knew it. It is the day the church celebrates the greatest victory in history. VE here stands not for Victory-in-Europe, but for Victory on Earth. Other planets unknown to us may be, or may have been, the scene of other kinds of victories; but on earth the first Easter day saw, and each succeeding Easter—indeed each succeeding Sunday commemorates the great victory which Christ achieved over the two greatest enemies of man: sin and death. Some of our Easter hymns bring out the note of triumph, notably the familiar "The strife is o'er, the battle done."

Dr. Foreman

Two Victories

Of all the enemies of the race of man, the two that do us the most harm, that have the greatest power over us, are sin and death. Both these are personified in the Bible. Probably the writers who spoke of Sin and Death as if they were personalities, evil demons as it were, knew what they were doing, and knew that to speak of sin and death as living personalities is a bold figure of speech. We use such figures of speech all the time, however, and need offer no apologies. We say "sin rears its ugly head" or "Death laid its cold hand on our friend" and so on. Sin is not a person, and neither is death; but we can speak of them as if they were personal. And they certainly do us harm. Sin twists, deforms and paralyzes man's best impulses; sin keeps men from being truly normal; sin is indeed responsible for most of the troubles of mankind. Death also seems to hold a grudge against us human beings. It always seems to come too early or too late; and it never chooses a convenient time. (There is a sense, also, in which death is the greatest friend of man; but that is another side of the story. In the Bible death is always against man, not for him.) Christ's whole life, culminating in the Cross, was a victory over sin; and the resurrection was a crowning victory, over death.

"Immeasurable Greatness of Power"

Certainly since the first Easter, or since people began to meditate on the meaning of that momentous morning, Christians have not been afraid, as many persons still are, of sin and death. They have found victory over both, in Christ. You find this thought in many places in the New Testament, not only in Ephesians: that the Christian so identifies himself with Christ that he can be said to go through the same experiences Christ had—of death, burial, resurrection. To put it another way, the victory of Christ over sin and death is not his own lone victory, rather it is a victory shared with his people—with all who deeply desire to share it. This is part of what being "in Christ" means.

Assurance of Victory

So Easter is more than a day when we remember a victory long ago. It is a day when Christians should remember that this is their victory too. It is a victory both won, and yet to be won. It is past, in Galilee and Jerusalem; it is present, in the life of true Christians; it is future in its final and complete glory. Most Christians, sad to say, do not realize this. If they would take their New Testament seriously they would discover that God has for them resources never yet tapped. The same mighty power that was in Christ and that made it possible for him to conquer sin is "in us who believe"—if we really want it. The same power that raised him from the dead goes with us into the Valley of the Shadow. The church, when she takes herself seriously, is not afraid of calamities. She has outlived many; she can outlast many more. For in the church, and in the individual Christians who make up the church, is the very power of God. So Easter is the day of Destiny; the light of Resurrection morning is a foregleam of the glory God holds yet in store. For the world may totter from crisis to crisis, but the purposes of God will not fail us as he goes marching on.

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Health and Beauty

Full, soft lip lines are something every woman desires and, with a little practice, can have.

For some women, applying lipstick means simply adding color to their lips. For most of us, however, this is far from the case. Knowing how to improve on what nature gave you, you can do wonders for your face and in some cases may make you look years younger.

Small, thin lips look harsh and severe and will make a woman look older, even unpleasant. Lipstick should be applied in generous curves to give your mouth a soft, supple look. The corners should turn up on the line of the mouth drawn straight—never down.

Before you start reshaping your mouth you will need a lipstick brush. A long-handled, camel's-hair brush is best. Next you will need a well-powdered puff, a tube of lipstick and some facial tissues.

First, powder your lips well to absorb moisture. Then cover your brush with lipstick and outline your lips, starting at the corners of the upper lip. Use short strokes. It will be necessary to reasturate your brush as you work.

If your lips are too large, it will be easy to make them appear smaller. When you are applying your foundation and powder, cover the outer edges of your lips. Then apply your lip line with the brush where you think best.

It is best not to try to change the natural line of your lips too much. Even if your lips are perfect —a lipstick brush and care will make them even more attractive.

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